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DWR and DFG Directors to Host Fish Passage Document Signing

SACRAMENTO – On Friday, January 13, 2006, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) will host signing of the inaugural publication of Bulletin 250, Fish Passage Improvement 2005.

The report provides an inventory of barriers to salmon and steelhead migration, calls for additional work to prioritize solutions, and is an important new tool to help improve and enhance fish passage in Central Valley rivers and streams.

The signing ceremony will take place at 10:30 a.m. in the Resources Building, Room 1131, 1416 9th Street, Sacramento.

DWR Director Lester Snow, DFG Director Ryan Broddrick, Acting CALFED Director Joseph Grindstaff, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service California/Nevada Operations Manager Steve Thompson, and National Marine Fisheries Service Regional Administrator Rodney McInnis are all B-250 signatories.

Assemblymember Lois Wolk and State Senator Sheila Kuehl, or their representatives, are expected to attend the ceremony. Representatives from several environmental organizations have also been invited.

Bulletin 250 is a joint interagency document through CALFED's Ecosystem Restoration Program. It resulted from concern about fewer salmon and steelhead in the Central Valley due, in part, to dams and other migratory obstructions.

The Fish Passage Improvement Program (FPIP) coordinates activities with other local, state and federal agencies to identify and remove barriers that impede migration and spawning of anadromous fish. DWR scientists review and plan program objectives with the CALFED ERP implementing agencies: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service; NOAA's National Marine

Fisheries Service; and the Department of Fish and Game.

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